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CPSC ISSUES WARNING ON 12
INCH TEDDY BEAR DANGERS

Washington, D.C. -- Country Cozy's, Inc., Paramount, California, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a warning today to consumers about a 12 inch teddy bear, model LSB, which has small parts which could be a choking hazard and sharp wires which could cause lacerations or puncture wound injuries.

Attached to the left paw of each teddy bear are three wires with balls on the ends representing balloons on strings. When the Consumer Product Safety Commission subjected the teddy bears to use and abuse testing, the balls, which are small parts, detached, exposing sharp points on the ends of the wires.

While Country Cozy's intended these bears as decorative giftwear, the bears are attractive to small children and are likely to be given to small children. Consumers who bought these teddy bears for children should immediately remove and discard the balls and wires to eliminate the choking, puncture and laceration hazards. Retailers should do the same to any teddy bears they have in stock.

The model LSB teddy bear in question is wearing a dress trimmed with white lace. Attached to the front of the dress is a hexagonal-shaped ceramic tile approximately 1 3/4 inches in diameter with the message, "Crazy 'Bout You" and five hearts in various colors on it. Approximately 3,000 of these teddy bears were distributed nationwide between January, 1985, and January, 1986. Neither the CPSC nor Country Cozy's, Inc., know of any injuries involving these teddy bears.

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Anyone wishing additional information may contact Greg Buscher of Country Cozy's, Inc., at 213-630-3415 or CPSC's toll-free hotline at 800-638-CPSC. A teletypewriter number for the hearing-impaired is 800-638-8270.

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